

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF MONEY.

Offerings and Sales at the Richmond Tobacco Exchange—Foreign Revenue Collections—Foreign Advances.

New York, August 26.—Money on call loaned easy at 2 1/2 to 3 per cent. The closing rate was 1 1/2 per cent. Exchange closed dull at 48 1/2 to 48 3/4; actual rates, 48 1/2 to 48 3/4 for sixty days and 48 1/2 to 48 3/4 for demand. Governments closed steady; currency 6 1/2, 107 bid; extended 2 1/2, registered, 100 bid; 4 1/2, coupons, 115 1/2 bid. Pacific railroad bonds closed as follows: Union 1st, 106 1/2 bid; sinking funds, 107 1/2 bid; Centrals, 106 bid.

Reading, Sugar Trust, Manhattan, Whiskey Trust and New England were about the only stocks traded in this morning. The last named was the strongest and advanced 2 1/2 per cent. to 3 1/2. Reading in the early dealings declined 1 1/2 per cent. on the decision of Chancellor McGill, of New Jersey, with regard to the coal combination, but later recovered most of the decline. Manhattan declined 2 per cent. to 134 and recovered, to 135 1/2. Sugar Trust fell from 11 1/4 to 10 1/2, but recovered partly by 11 A. M. Trading was comparatively light and the changes in the general list slight.

The sales in the two hours to noon amounted to 113,387 shares. Stocks were dull and weak during the afternoon, prices gradually sagging to the close, when they were generally 1/4 to 3/4 per cent. lower. The sales for to-day, 256,397 shares.

Adams Express	170	N. J. C.	105 1/2
Am. Ex.	130	Northwestern	85
Atchison & Top.	130	N. & C.	85
do. pref.	130	N. & C.	85
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Alabama B.	105	N. C. 4's	105 1/2
Alabama C.	94	to 8's	120 1/2
B. & O.	107 1/2	to 8's W. pref.	105 1/2
C. & C. & St. L.	163	Omaha	55 1/2
Cal. Pacific	894	do. pref.	25 1/2
Cal. Pacific	894	Ont. & W.	194
Can. Southern	2094	O. & N.	214
Chi. & At.	145	O. & Miss.	214
Cotton oil.	145	Pacific Mail	82 1/2
do. pref.	145	Quicksilver	82 1/2
D. L. & W.	150 1/2	do. pref.	150 1/2
D. L. & W.	150 1/2	do. pref.	150 1/2
Denver	137 1/2	D. & W. P.	9
Eric.	94 1/2	Rock Island	81 1/2
Ill. Cen.	94 1/2	St. Paul	82 1/2
N. & T.	105 1/2	St. P. & N. E.	105 1/2
do. pref.	105 1/2	St. C. & I. Brown	62
Lake Shore	134 1/2	Tenn. odd.	62
Louis. & Nash.	134 1/2	Tenn. new ser. 6's	62
Missouri Pacific	107 1/2	do. pref.	107 1/2
Man.	115 1/2	do. pref.	115 1/2
M. & C.	115 1/2	do. pref.	115 1/2
N. Y. C.	115 1/2	Wells Fargo	115 1/2

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

(Reported by Messrs. John L. Williams & Sons, Bankers, corner Tenth and Main streets.)

RICHMOND, VA., AUG. 26, 1892.

U. S. 4 1/2, R. & C. 107, 115 1/2.

STATE SECURITIES.

North Carolina 4 1/2, 107 1/2.

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THE PRESENT DAY.

How Much Better Things Are Than They Used to Be.

Her eyes were open, but her cheeks yet glowing with the warm flush of sleep. Langgully she gazed at the sunlight playing upon the united wall.

"Jane, Jane!"

The sound of a voice was waited for her ears and her delicate lip curled scornfully as she recognized the accents of her mistress.

"Jane, are you going to get up?"

She raised herself upon her elbow and brushed aside the lace curtains of her couch, suffering the light of day to stream over the sumptuous covers and rich hangings.

"What do you want?"

She spoke sternly, not to say resentfully. The voice grew suddenly softer.

"Won't you please get up?" it pleaded.

She ruminated.

"Is the fire started?" she presently inquired.

"Yes, Jane."

"And the steak pounded?"

"Yes."

"And the coffee ground?"

"It's all done, Jane."

"And the biscuits mixed?"

"Yes."

With a smile at herself in the mirror opposite she rose.

"All right," she cried; "go right ahead and if I ain't there by the time"

She released the wealth of brown tresses and let them fall in billows about her shoulders.

"Breakfast is ready. Don't!"

She proceeded leisurely with her toilet.

"Wait for me, I'd—"

She was braiding her hair with deft fingers.

"Rather eat alone than miss my beauty sleep."

"Thank you, Jane."

As she slowly dressed she reflected how vastly the condition of the hired girl had been ameliorated within a comparatively few years.—Detroit Free Press.

A Great Work.

"It won't go through that door!"

"Who said it won't, madam?"

"And if you can't get it into that room what are you going to do with it?"

"You needn't get excited over it. What's the matter with taking the partition down?"

"Who's getting excited? It'll cost something to take the partition down, won't it?"

"Well, if you can think of any better way to dispose of it let's hear your plan, madam."

"There's no occasion for alarming the neighbors, anyhow. If you must have such a thing as this in the house why don't you build an addition expressly for it?"

"You know well enough that!"

"Or why couldn't you have had it made so it would go through an ordinary door?"

"Madam!"

"I'm going to have it moved into that room if it takes a whole month and costs a thousand dollars!"

"Then you can have the premises to yourself, sir! I shall not stay here to see the house all torn up! I am going back to mamma's!"

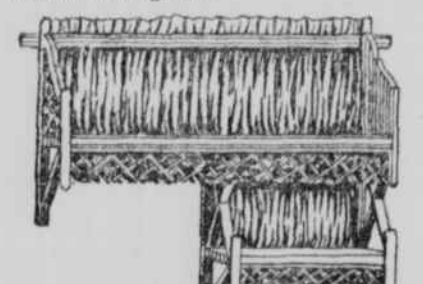
This family disturbance, gentle reader, grew out of the circumstance that a copy of the new Chicago city directory had been unloaded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billiger McSwat.—Chicago Tribune.

Green Grape Jelly.

Jelly made from unripe grapes, just before they change from green to purple, is very delicate. A correspondent of The Housekeepers' Weekly gives the following recipe for it: Wash the grapes, after picking them from the stems, in several waters, then put them in a porcelain kettle. Wash them before putting them on the stove, as then you will not need to put any water with them, and of course the less water the less time it will take to boil the juice. Put the grapes, when sufficiently cooked, into a bag made of firm flannel and let the juice drain out without squeezing if possible. To a pint of the juice add a pint of sugar, as for other jellies.

A Quaint Bracket.

Odd but attractive in way of a bracket is one recently seen and here illustrated. It is composed of white enameled wood with fretwork gilded.



DRAPED BRACKET.

The drapery is in soft silk. The amateur carpenter and decorator would not find it difficult to carry out a somewhat similar arrangement. Such a bracket in dark stained wood with drapery of velvet in any deep rich color would be very effective for the display of old china and curios.

Not Very Lasting.

The friendship that exists between the different European countries is not very lasting. England and Turkey are friendly at present, but either or both of them may be seeking other allies before a week passes.

These diplomatic notes remind one very much of the note a bachelor who, wanting a wife, wrote to a young lady. He applied for her heart and hand, and wound up as follows:

"Have the goodness to send me a reply as soon as possible, as I have another young person in my eye."—Texas Siftings.

The Brook.



I slip, I slide, I gleam, I glance
Among my skimming swallows;
I make the heated sunbeam dance
Against my sandy shallows.

I murmur under moon and stars
In brambly woodlands;
I linger by my shingly bars
I loiter round my creases.

And out again I curve and flow
To join the brimming river;
For man may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

—Tennyson.

BIRDS WITH WARLIKE NATURES.

Violent Robins That Attack Even Men and Women.

The conduct of birds is sometimes peculiar and very queer. At the North End and on the Hill are two peculiar cases of eccentricity in robins, whose conduct is not less notable and perhaps less readily understood than that of a kingbird who some years ago made her nest on the lower branch of a pear tree near a North End residence. This bird so annoyed a little party of young croquet players on the lawn near the tree by flying down at them and snapping her bill in their eyes almost, as to break up their games. To punish her for her impudence a pole was thrust up repeatedly by the side of the nest.

This so angered the mother bird that whenever that person appeared, coming down the step on the lawn, she would fly at him and seem determined to peck his eyes out. Soon she learned to fly at him as soon as he appeared on the steps, before he got down to the lawn—and also to peck him in an unlooked-for way, a kind of artillery practice in which the aim was generally at the victim's head—and it rarely missed. The robin is no such bird. But the one at the North End, evidently the proprietor of a nest of young birds near by, is the implacable foe of a particular cat. This feline is a pet black cat, whose mistress keeps him as much as possible in the upper tenement where she lives, letting him take sun and air up there in the open window.

There, as soon as the robin sees him, she flies right at him—not waiting for the cat to attack her or her young, but bounding right into his face, till she fairly forces him to beat a retreat. Sometimes she finds him on the lawn. Then there is a set combat. The bird flies right at the cat's eyes. The cat, snarling and snapping, jumps back and then jumps for the bird. The bird nimbly retreats—executing a backward movement on the lawn, as swift and dexterous as only a bird can execute—and then flies at the cat, pecking at his eyes. The cat's mistress, fearing for her pet, one day interfered, and grabbing him in her arms was about to take him off the field, when to her astonishment the robin flew at the cat where she held it in her arms, and then flew in the woman's face, forcing her to drop the cat and run to save her own eyes.

Next day the cat was seen to go to a low swung hammock under some trees, and reaching up and getting hold of it he was enjoying a nice little swing all by himself, when his bird foe espied him and flew down at him, driving him ignominiously off. A day later he was seen on the fence, where the robin again got at him, but he held his ground (or rather fence) bravely this time, and the robin stood in front of him. "If ever a bird uttered profane abuse," said a spectator, "that robin was the bird. Such another abusive scolding no cat surely ever had." But the cat could stand that better than the bird's beak aimed at his eyes. This scene occurred on the back yard fence of a house on Wooster street.—Hartford Times.



Mrs. William Lohr

Of Freepoint, Ill., began to fail rapidly, lost all appetite and got into a serious condition from Dyspepsia. She could not eat vegetables or meat, and even toast distressed her. Had to give up housework. In a week after taking

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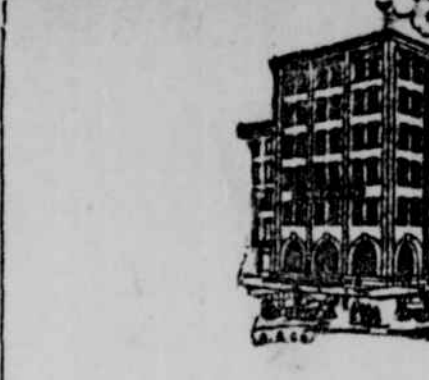
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